requirements. The ban on recruitment however, will not cover selection already finalised on the recommendations of J and K Public Service Commission, J and K State Subordinate Services Selection and Recruitment Board and other approved Selection Boards and appointments on compassionate grounds relating to death caused due to militancy.

Infiltration by Terrorists with sophisticated Military Equipments

1120. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that terrorists are able to cross the border and bring with them highly sophisticated military equipments;

(b) if so, who is responsible for this lapse;

(c) whether any new and fresh steps have been thought of to fight terrorism; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) There have been continuous efforts on the part of Pak-ISI and pro-Pak militant outfits to cross over with sophisticated weaponry. The topography of the border is such that it is difficult to physically seal the entire stretch of border. However, security forces manning the border are alert & vigilant and have achieved some positive results.

(c) and (d) Government have adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of militants, which includes strengthening the border management, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close surveillance of the border by intensive patrolling, conduct of special operations, nakas and ambushes, neutralizing plans of militants by coordinated action, modernisation and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc. Diplomatic initiatives have also been taken with the concerned countries to curb cross-border terrorism.